



Shipman Cup 2010 Unique Yachts, Unique Persons

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Shipman boat owners and guests from all over the world together with top professional sailors meet at the second Shipman Cup in Portorož, Slovenia. The rich program features the presentation of the Shipman 100 project, Greenline 33 Hybrid, live violin concert by ... or maybe even on the sea and many other surprises to be discovered. Shipman is the only semi custom carbon boat of this kind on market and leading producer of carbon boats worldwide.

Shipman Cup 2010 is showing the creative and innovative energy of the fast growing Seaway Group which opened last September in Monfalcone, Italy, a new Shipyard with Europe biggest milling machine. On a ground of 43000 m² with direct access to the sea, Shipman 63, 72 and 80 are currently in production. In Portorož is presented for the first time Shipman 100, the biggest sister of the Shipman family which will keep the many times awarded features that make these yachts unique.

"Shipman is a single-handed pilothouse high-performance carbon yacht in size of 50 up to 150 feet. Also the Shipman 100 project is focused on enabling management of the boat with only two persons, thus making it possible to sail big distances with much less effort," says **Carlo Giordano**, the director of the new Shipyard and sales manager in Seaway Group, *"The size has been not chosen at random. We esteem that the reference size for super sailing yachts in the near future is the length of 100 feet."* As usual in Seaway history, also for this project international experts have joined their forces and develop the plans of Shipman 100 in cooperation with sailors gathering experience in most extreme sailing conditions in regattas like Vandée Globe or America's Cup.

Peter Harken and Top Sportive Sailors

Speaking of treasuring, we revert to the program of the event, among other highlights, starring **Peter Harken**, who is, with his brother Olaf, one of the most influential persons in the marine industry in these latest decades. He has been cooperating for years with Seaway Group: *"The people of Seaway are super great to work with. They are probably my favorite yard to visit because they are so innovative and always doing something new and ahead of the rest of the world like the new Solar powered highly efficient hybrid power cruiser that is very successful. Stuff like that, they have always something new, every time I visit them."*



In Portorož, also professional sailors and boat constructors, with experience from most prestigious and extreme regattas, join other guests to share special moments from their careers and help the racing teams to get the right wind during the regattas where Shipman yachts from 50 up to 72 take part. Special guests are Chiara Calligaris, Vesna Dekleva, Andrea Caracci, Bertrand Cudennec, Denis Juhel, Mitja Margon and Tomaž Čopi.

On Saturday two coastal races are scheduled in direction Portorož-Portro San Rocco, in Italy, with a welcome drink at the Marina Camper & Nicholson. The second regatta back to Portorož is called *Shipman Internautica Cup* and organised in cooperation with Internautica Boat Show (taking place in Portorož between May 11 and 16) which is awarding the winner of it with a special cup. Saturday's program is also starring a special music guest, internationally recognised artist, energetic and sensuous violinist Anja Bukovec with her music helping find the lost treasure hidden for more than 500 years. The dinner will be enriched by guided wine tasting of local wines in cooperation with Association of Slovenian Istria Wine Producers.

Idea of Shipman Cup

After all the years and successes, in 2009, the idea and wish to gather together the members of the Shipman family spread all over the globe in a special event finally became reality in form of the first Shipman Cup. *"Unique yachts, unique persons and a unique scenic Portorož bay in a traditional annual gathering of the Shipman Family has been the purpose. We really want the Shipman family members to treasure sailing with this boat,"* says **Japec Jakopin**, founder of Seaway hinting at many surprises of the event, *"We are also happy to show Greenline 33 Hybrid, the newest brand of the Seaway Group."* Following the Shipman success, the newcomer based on new values first built in summer 2009 is in fact the new Seaway's rising star with, among others, four Boat of the Year awards and two environmental awards.

Shipman's History in Brief

In 1968, first Shipman is built on the island Visby, Sweden. In two decades Shipman becomes one of the best known sailing brands in Scandinavia and Northern Europe. In 1992 Shipman 8 m One Design is born, designed by J&J design and built by Seaway. Ten years later Shipman is acquired by Seaway and the development of the first carbon-built Shipman 50 starts. In 2004 Shipman 50 wins the European boat of the year title over all categories. A year later Shipman 63 sets sail and wins European boat of the year title in 2006. The success continues with Shipman 72 and 80 launched before end of the year. Thirty-five Shipman yachts are now cruising the seas around the world.



Additional Information

Anja Bukovec is a young, energetic and sensuous violinist educated by most prominent music pedagogues. She gave memorable performances on elite locations all over the globe, among others also for her majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Anja recently released her new album Chameleon which is based on popular film music themes. She is accompanied by the world famous conductor En Shao and many times BAFTA winner, composer Christopher Gunning. The programme was recorded with 80 members RTV Slovenia Symphony Orchestra.

Denis Juhel has been involved over the past twenty years in the construction and technical support of the off shore open multi-hulls. He and the legendary French sailor Michel Desjoyeaux have recently founded the office design Mer Forte to bring a new vision from open racing field.

Association of Slovenian Istria Wine Producers supports the production and promotion of Istrian wines. Their traditional Malvasia Festival has become in twelve years the biggest wine event in Slovenia dedicated to one sort of wine. The so-called Istrian spring has recently been enriched by an original cooperation with local olive oil producers in which visitors are welcome in an event "from the wine cellars to oil farms".

Vesna Dekleva is one of the best Slovene sailors for many years dedicated to the class 470, where she belonged to the world top competitors. Last year she has started a new sailing story with the SLO W Match Racing Sailing Team and the 6m sailing boat Elliott. After first successes on international level, the three women crew's challenge is to win a medal at the Olympics in London 2012.

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The technical organisation of the race is carried out by Yacht Club Portorož. The event is organised in cooperation with Association of Slovenian Istria Wine Producers, Generali, Harken, Helly Hansen, Internautica Boat Show, Jotun, Marina Portorož, Marina Porto San Rocco and Studio 37.



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